

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 15, 2007. Claims 1 to 7 are in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,530,264 (Kataoka). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kataoka in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,731,156 (Montmarquet). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kataoka in view of Japan 2000-058892 (Tawada), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,127,623 (Nakamura). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kataoka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,703 (Dinwoodie). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to a feature of the invention as recited by Claim 1, the front surface member comprises a fluoride polymer film having a light incidence surface subjected to a discharge treatment.

None of Kataoka, Montmarquet, Tawada, Nakamura, and Dinwoodie, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed feature.

As described in Kataoka, the face of the transparent surface layer to be joined to the coating material (or filler) is applied with a corona discharging treatment, so as to improve adhesion between the two. See col. 9, lines 43 to 48 and Claim 13 of Kataoka. This can be contrasted to the present invention, in which the light incidence surface of the front surface member is subjected to a discharge treatment. The face of the

transparent surface layer referred to in Kataoka is believed to be opposite to the light incidence surface recited in the instant claims.

Nothing in Montmarquet, Tawada, Nakamura, and Dinwoodie is seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Kataoka.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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